

Minutes of Board Meeting
Oakmont Library March 9, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Joanne Brownlee, Matt Kissane, Katie Lascola, Beth Mellor, Deborah Ormay, Paul Pastierik, Len Richards, Kathy Schreiber, Laurie Sliben, Rhoda Wharf

GREETINGS/ PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Several members of the community were present. Comments from the public consisted of expressing disappointment in the decreased library hours, asking about newspaper exposure in regards to seeking public donations, asking about educating the local community to make more people aware of the funding issues, asking if this happens to other local libraries, asking what the ultimate fundraising goal is and offering to help in any way that they can. Public concerns were validated and addressed by the board.

CONSENT AGENDA: Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Staff reports of current and on-going events were approved. Stephanie will increase programming moving forward. The OCL is one of 3 libraries chosen to partner with the Sprout Fund which will be presenting a puppet show at Book Buddies and a separate STEAM program for toddlers. Verona Pop-Up attendance is rising and a citizen will be donating outside signs for advertisement in the area. A 2 week program will be held at the Pop-Up for Verner students with special needs. There will also be an 8 week summer reading program at the Presbyterian Church in Verona.

CHAIR REPORT: Recent staff issues have been resolved. While Beth finds grants to run programs, keep the Pop-Up running, obtain automated doors, etc., steps will be taken to attain consistent funding.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Pgh. Foundation Day of Giving will not provide matching funds this year as they want specific organizations to match instead. Beth felt that this money could potentially come from book sales. Matt thought that donors could match. Beth will be going to Denver for training soon. As of now she is paying personally for her transportation due to budget concerns. The board feels that she should be reimbursed and will look into this further. The OCL staff is getting numerous complaints about the cut in library hours. Matt proposes that a stack of official borough complaint forms are placed at the library desk to formalize them. The board agrees.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: The entrance marble on the wall has been repaired and reinstalled. The outside entrance brick wall has been repaired as well. Paul will lead a tour on Saturday for Council to see firsthand the OCL repairs and maintenance needs. A meeting was held with BDA Engineering to review plans for the HVAC system. BDA has since submitted a bid to follow up with their recommendations for the system. Paul has spoken to an electrician regarding the malfunctioning lights and sockets in the children's section of the library. He will follow up soon.

FINANCE REPORT: Len presented a complete and comprehensive budget report. The expense side of the budget is on target. The numbers in green are those that have been personally adjusted by Len. Computer repairs, maintenance and books are front loaded which means that the big bill comes in January.

FUNDRAISING: 15 restaurants have agreed to be a part of the Taste of Two Towns which will be held on May 15. Tickets will be sold for \$60 per person. Joanne recently attended an Antique Road Show and thought that this would be a good fundraiser for the library. Rhoda agreed. Joanne will look further into obtaining an appraiser. Joanne will also further investigate Putting for Paperbacks as a fundraiser.

CLOSING REMARKS: Richard Lechner approached the board suggesting that the OCL reach out to affluent members of the community with a concrete and formal request for donations. He is willing to help in this process. Furthermore, the board would like to wish a Happy 6th Anniversary to Beth and welcome Rhoda to the board. In the future, the board will look into changing the amended OCL hours so that they are more flexible for adult programming. Next meeting will be April 13, 2016.

ADJOURNED: Meeting was adjourned at 8:34.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katie Lascola - Secretary